

Air Force Leadership



Michael W. Wynne

Secretary of the Air Force
Hometown: Clearwater, Fla.

Michael W. Wynne assumed the duties of Secretary of the Air Force in November 2005. He is a graduate of the U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y. He separated from the Air Force as a captain and was an assistant professor of astronautics at the U.S. Air Force Academy in 1973. Following his Air Force service, Secretary Wynne worked for the aerospace industry for more than 20 years, holding positions at Lockheed Martin and General Dynamics. Secretary Wynne, the 21st Secretary, joined the Bush Administration in 2001 as the Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics, and in 2003, he became the principal adviser to the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Defense for matters relating to acquisition, technology, and research and development. As the SECAF, Mr. Wynne is responsible for ensuring the Air Force meets its current and future operational requirements.



General T. Michael Moseley

Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force
Hometown: Dallas

General T. Michael Moseley graduated from Texas A&M University in 1971 with a bachelor's degree in political science and earned a master's degree from A&M in 1972. Following his commission, the general attended undergraduate pilot training at Webb Air Force Base, Texas, and went on to fly the F-15. For more than 30 years, the Air Force's 18th chief of staff has held a mix of operational, joint and personnel positions including commanding the F-15 division of the U.S. Air Force Fighter Weapons School and commanding 9th Air Force and U.S. Central Command Air Forces while serving as Combined Forces Air Component Commander for operations Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. Following his appointment as Chief of Staff, General Moseley cited three challenges the Air Force must tackle: focus on fighting the War on Terrorism, continue to develop Airmen, and recapitalize and modernize the inventory.



Rodney J. McKinley

Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force
Hometown: Mount Orab, Ohio

Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Rodney J. McKinley entered the Air Force in 1974, took a break in service in 1977, and re-entered the Air Force in 1982. He was appointed the 15th CMSAF June 30, 2006. His background includes various duties in medical and aircraft maintenance, and as a first sergeant and command chief master sergeant at wing, numbered air force and major command levels. His assignments include bases in North Carolina, South Carolina, Oklahoma, Virginia, Alaska and Hawaii. The chief also served overseas in the Philippines, Italy and Germany, and deployed to Southwest Asia in support of operations Enduring Freedom and Iraqi Freedom. Before assuming his current position, he served as Command Chief Master Sergeant, Pacific Air Forces at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii.